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Tool Room Leads

IN NUMBER OF CARS OWNED

Mesh Room Is Next While Office Is Last With None

Every morning the street in front of our shop is lined with machines, and the other morning some bright youth was heard to remark that there were "some machines." So we set about to compile a list of those machines and of the departments in which their owners worked. There is a possibility that we may have overlooked one or two, but as we found it, the Tool Room leads with 44 per cent. of its enrollment owning cars.

The Mesh Room is also well represented, but on account of the large number employed, the percentage is small.

The Whiting Chain Co. owns four machines and one "purring motor." This is equal to 12 per cent.

Gold Department A, Mr. Rowan, shipper, reports three machines, an Essex (one cylinder gone), one Willys-Knight and an Overland. This is 30 per cent. and while this department is so well represented, we cannot find a car in Gold Department B.

After due consideration, we note that the Office, Repair and Foreign Departments are absolutely unrepresented unless we count the five Remingtons, two Underwoods, two Burroughs and Gene's Addressograph. Following is a table showing the number of machines in each department and the percentage:

| | No. | Pc. |
|------------------|-------|-----|
| Mesh Room, | 15 | 15 |
| Tool Room, | 16 | 44 |
| Stamp and Press, | 7 | 21 |
| Bench, | 14 | 23 |
| Maintenance, | 6 | 18 |
| Whiting Chain, | 5 | 12 |
| Rolling Room, | 2 | 18 |
| Office, | 10(?) | 0 |
| Coloring Room, | 1 | 3 |
| Polishing Room, | 5 | 21 |
| Gold Dept. A, | 3 | 30 |

This is an average of one machine to every eight employees. So we can readily see that the street car magnates are having their troubles trying to make two and two equal six.

Time Lost in Hours

| | | |
|------------------------|--------|--------|
| Mesh Room, | 18 | 25 |
| Assembly Room, | 39.5 | 33.5 |
| Polishing Room, | 97.33 | 81.25 |
| Coloring Room, | 23. | 17. |
| Bench Dept., | 5.25 | 4. |
| Soldered Mesh Dept., | 32. | 29.66 |
| Unsoldered Mesh Dept., | 46.5 | 44.5 |
| Tool Room, | 17.5 | 24. |
| Stamp and Press, | 13.5 | 8. |
| Sewing Dept., | 10. | 8.5 |
| Rolling Dept., | 13.25 | 17.66 |
| Maintenance, | 1.33 | .5 |
| Planning Dept., | 12.5 | 8. |
| Repair Dept., | 0. | 2.5 |
| Snap Fastener Dept., | 7.2 | 5. |
| Gold Dept. A, | 2. | .5 |
| Gold Dept. B, | 2.5 | 0. |
| | 11.25 | 13.5 |
| Total, | 333.73 | 298.08 |
| Whiting Chain Co., | 12.5 | 25.5 |

From Soldered Mesh Dept.

"Never trouble trouble
Till trouble troubles you,"
But when it comes along our way,
What are we going to do?

We got a "call" the other day,
Just for being late,
And to stay in our seats till the bell
rings
Is another thing we hate.

There's such a commotion at noon-time

When we all start to rush for the
clock
That a "traffic cop" would be needed
To guard the "frenzied flock."

But after all, we realize
We should make the most of our
time
And help instead of hinder
A friend who has been so kind.

So we are going to do our duty
Even as Mr. Brown
Who stays here till the bell rings
And doesn't even frown.

—Catherine L. Greve.

Sherbrooke Branch

STARTED IN APRIL, 1914

The Only Mesh Bag Factory in Canada

This branch was opened to handle the rapidly increasing Canadian business of the Whiting & Davis Co.

Early in April, 1914, Mr. Whiting and Mr. L. W. Cook, after having previously talked over the suitability of the cities in Canada, visited Sherbrooke. They had considerable difficulty in locating a building that suited their needs, but through the aid of Mr. Allan, of the Standard Jewelry Co., temporary quarters were obtained.

Upon their return to Plainville, they sent up Tommy Rammel and Maxime Pelletier to set up the machines. Pelletier was to be, and still is, the man in charge of the mesh machines.

On May 8th, Mr. Cook permanently located in Sherbrooke, taking charge of the business. Mr. Cook writes: "We used to think when we had green hands in Plainville that we had some job breaking them in, but we had the advantage of a lot of old experienced hands to do the finer parts of the work and show the new ones how it should be done. But bear in mind, that in starting this branch, which was an absolutely new business for this country, we certainly had our troubles at the start. However, by having three or four of us from the Main Factory as instructors, we got along very well.

"Our first problem after getting the machinery in place and the benches, etc., fitted up, was to get employees; which we *at that time* found a very easy matter, although, of course, there was no experienced help.

"We found on the start that we were somewhat handicapped, for none of us, with the exception of Pelletier, understood the French language. However, by using him as an interpreter and as far as possible hiring employees who understood both languages, we have overcome this difficulty.

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EDITORIALS

Co-operation

No individual can get out a good shop paper alone. It requires the assistance and co-operation of all. Let all who have articles or suggestions hand them in. What you are asked to do may be of more importance than you believe. Do it with a will! Help make the "Wadco News" one of the best shop papers in the state.

Steady Work

This is a good time to congratulate ourselves that we work in this shop that is the best in this section in regard to steady work. Steady work counts when it comes to paying the bills. This is well worth a thought.

We are firmly convinced that we will never hear from Woonsocket until they get their coal shed.

Every new day is a chance to make good the mistakes of yesterday, to do better things than ever before and to plan for a bigger tomorrow. Yesterday is gone, to-morrow lies ahead, today we have. Let's put our very best into it. All the success we ever win will be won in our todays as they pass.

A man's appearance shows how his business is prospering. His wife's appearance shows how much he is spending.—Life.

Fear says: "You might get hurt if you go ahead." Initiative says: "I would rather bump into something ahead than stand still and be bumped."—Edison Sales Builder.

ABOUT THE SHOP

Mr. Frank E. Whiting, Chicago representative for the firm, has left for his western home, after spending the past five months in the east. Mr. Whiting was accompanied by Mrs. Whiting, their daughter, Mrs. Harry May, and grandson Frank. During their stay in the east they visited several summer resorts and Mrs. Whiting's former home.

The shop committee has been advised to wait till the middle of the month before buying potatoes for winter use. Probably they will have a price in the next issue.

Our nurse, Miss Cote, made a good investment the other day. There are very few people who can buy a Glenwood Range for a dime.

Miss Lottie Shurtleff succeeds Miss Rosanna Precourt as forelady of our mesh department in Middleboro. Rosanna, who is an accomplished musician, has decided to devote her entire time to her art.

Owing to the large number of subscribers, the maximum order for wood has been limited to two cords. In spite of this, the wood on hand has been over-subscribed, but an attempt will be made to furnish wood to those on the waiting list.

The coal industry operates on an average of 216 working days a year out of a possible 304. What better reason is there for coal high in price and short in quantity?

He Got the Job

A business man advertised for a boy the other night. When he arrived at the office the next morning there were some 50 boys already in line. He opened his desk and was just about to begin examining the applicants when his stenographer handed him a card on which was scribbled: "Don't do anything until you see me. I'm the last kid in line, but I'm telling you I'm there with the goods."—The Case Eagle.

If you hear of some new machines being purchased this month you can wager that the owner bet his money on the North side and is now running a Ford.

MIDDLEBORO NEWS

MRS. HATTIE GOODWIN, *Correspondent*
The day is dreary, and I feel so weary
Of soldering rings in a row,
As an excuse I'll take my glass
And down to the sink I'll go.

The sink is placed in the center aisle;
From there, the crowd I can see.
I'll make a guess and tell their
thoughts
Whatever they happen to be.

The Boss looks stern and serious;
Furrowed is his brow.
He's patiently cutting patches
For those that don't know how.

Charlie had a slight mishap
To his limousine so new;
Got it battered and badly bent—
Now he's feeling mighty blue.

The Stranger's heart goes pit-a-pat
When a certain girl goes by,
But I do not think she knows it
For I plainly heard him sigh.

Why don't Reginald take a hint?
It would make the girls so glad,
If he only would invite them
For a ride with Northern Lad.

May's thoughts are centered upon the
house
She bought the other day;
It did not take quite half the roll
She has snugly tucked away.

We are glad to have Miss Lucy
Back in the same old row.
For we missed her cheerful chatter
And her flitting to and fro.

Since Miss Shurtleff is in charge
Swiftly speeds the day;
But we miss and mourn Rosanna
Whom music lured away.

I am wasting precious moments
Telling these things to you;
I'll hasten back and try to make
Another bag or two.

Honesty begets honesty. The man
who is honest in his dealings with his
fellows has a subsidy which money
cannot buy. He gets honest treat-
ment at the hands of others.

SHERBROOKE BRANCH

Continued

"After we had some mesh made up and the bags joined, the next proposition was to get them colored, as there were no colorers in the city; our only way was to educate one. August Stark was sent here with instructions to make solutions and instruct a young man until he was able to handle the work alone. Mr. Stark stayed about a month, after which the man he had shown took hold of the work and is still with us as colorer.

"When we first started we found business very good, but as you know, the war came on in August of that year, and for a while things looked rather bad as with the declaration of war business dropped off for a few months until matters had been readjusted.

"Early in 1915, the Standard Jewelry Co., in whose building we were, notified us that on account of their increasing business, they would need the space we were occupying, we then found an unoccupied building in another part of the city which was practically re-built for us and into which we moved in October of that year. This is the building in which we are located at present. The Main Shop, Office and Packing Room have a combined floor space of about 3500 square feet and there is a second story used principally for storage of 3000 square feet. Having so much more room enabled us to do more of the work here. Previously the finished frames were imported from the Plainville factory, but we now started to do the soldering and finishing here, importing the parts. On this work we found it necessary to have an experienced man, and Albert Prien was sent to take charge of this part of the work and also for a time he did the Bobbing, Biffing and Polishing. Later, as the business increased, his brother Herman was employed to assist him and eventually took over the finishing processes.

"During the years 1916 and 1917, we had many changes in our small staff, largely on account of the war. This city developed into a large munition centre and a number of employees, both men and women, left us to take up this work, but I am happy to say that many of them came back into our employ after the Armistice.

"During 1917, the United States entered the war and we happened to have several men, United States citizens, who were subject to the draft, all registered with the United States Consul here. Two enlisted, namely, Herman Prien and H. Russell Morgan. Prien made the supreme sacrifice in France. Morgan, after his service, returned and is now employed as foreman of the factory. Albert Prien left us during the war to take up war work in Newark, N. J.

"During the war practically all of our employees contributed to the patriotic fund one per cent. of their wages. During the reconstruction periods there, of course, have been many difficulties, but the country is rapidly recovering and we are looking forward to a very prosperous future.

(Signed)

"L. W. COOK."

NEW COMERS

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Dorily Sarazin, | Maintenance |
| Mrs. Melvin Lowe, | " |
| Arthur Magnan, | " |
| Flora Landry, | Unsoldered Mesh |
| Marian Burdell, | " |
| Mrs. J. Craik | " |
| Vera Yadiserinia, | " |
| Dora Ross, | " |
| Harold French, | Stamp & Press |
| Marguerite Rountry, | Soldered Mesh |
| Edward Connors, | Chain Co. |
| Ernest Booth, | Polishing Room |
| William Riley, | Coloring Room |
| Mrs. Blanehard, | Planning Dept. |
| Mrs. A. Lanois, | Assembly Room |
| Mrs. L. Lanois, | " |
| Mertil Day, | Lining Room |
| Willard Simmonds, | Tool Room |
| Herman Gorman, | " |
| Leo Lanois, | Polishing Room |
| Clarence Chase, | Coloring Room |
| Alice Bashow, | Unsoldered Mesh |
| Chester Norlund, | Mesh Room |
| N. Mnicorono, | " |
| Hugh M. Maize, | " |
| Harry Avedisean, | " |
| Harry Oyanian, | " |
| Francis Lessard, | Maintenance |

SPORTING DEPARTMENT

FRANK BROWN, *Editor*

The greater part of the W. & D. employees was at the first game in Attleboro last Saturday. If you looked over the box score you saw that the crowd of fence busters that the Attleboro fans crowded about did not show much class against Bob Shawkey.

What will Attleboro do with their only Maranville after such a showing as he made?

The attendance at the game was 7,350. We will try and beat that in our town. All up for the next game on Columbia field tomorrow.

On the level, do you think that the National League has players equal to those who carry the American League colors?

Bobby Roth is going to stay in North Attleboro for all the games in order to fully find out the shortest way to put the ball over the fence. And he certainly can do the job.

The Clevelands have won the hardest fight that the American League has had for a number of years, and it seems a very popular finish. Tris Speaker is well known in these parts.

The White Sox must be darned for 1921 in good shape in order to get there after the wreck they have been through. Money has made many a team, but on this occasion money and bribery have wreaked the Chicago White Sox for fair. But they will come back.

We have missed from the factory, for a few days, our short stop, Ed. It is rumored that he and his brother Gene have been called to clear up the reason why the W. & D. Team lost the last game they played with the K. of C. Can it be that there is any truth in these rumors of loose work on their part in that contest? Badish the thought! Oscar says "how come!"

Several of the factories are anxious to start a Bowling League and as we have some very classy men who can twist the sphere, why can't we put in a team to represent the factory who leads in all sports? Any suggestions in forming a team will be attended to by notifying the writer of this column.



CAUGHT IN THE MESH

Do Accidents Just Happen?

A man struck a match to see if a gasoline tank was empty—*It wasn't.*

A man touched an electric wire to see if it was alive—*It was!*

A man patted a strange mule to see if it was affectionate—*It wasn't!*

A man brushed his hand along the table of a jointer to see if the machine was running—*It was!*

A man stepped on the ice to see if it was strong enough to hold him—*It wasn't!*

A man determined to be careful to see if it would pay—*It did!*

Twelve nationalities are represented in the Mesh Room, and Dick Berkely can talk all the languages—with his hands. The list: Danish, Norwegian, Armenian, Italian, French, English, American, Canadian, Swedish, German, Greek and the Irish.

Something that Mr. Elsesser would like to see just once—Padgie in his chair at seven A. M.

Etta is getting to be some mechanic now. She is learning to run an engine turning machine.

Zelma is thinking of taking up tennis since Frank has done so well at it.

Lee believes that it "pays to advertise." On taking the *Wadco News* home to his wife, about three days after he obtained it, he received the keys which she had found just where he had left them. We are not so sure that she received the reward.

I wonder if the Lawn Tennis Club would be willing to sell their club house before it falls down? They have kept their courts up in good shape all summer with the help of the elements and are about ready to close up for the winter.

The North Team gave Peao a chance to warm up Shawkey between innings. That's the way to bring a boy out, for someone there is sure to catch onto his style, and land him in fast company.

Mary Avery has all the symptoms of the sleeping sickness. Will Miss Cote kindly take notice?

Have you seen Helen's face shine since Ralph came back?

Gold Dept. B's motto: Never be ashamed to work, for work is part of our lives' existence.

Byron Gardner's communistic tendency is shown in his idea that the first umbrella he can lay his hand on is his own. We hope he will be able to buy one soon for they cost less than motor-boats.

Ralph Snell took part in the I. O. O. F. parade in Boston on the 29th of September.

Don't injure Rhea's feelings. She speaks first and thinks afterwards. Is this right, Jim?

Who knows anything about the blanket raffle? See Elsie or Mildred.

Wanted: A string strong enough to tie up Nancy Bell's whistle.

Clarke and Morgan—twisted belt experts.

Is Rowan sure Daniel Webster wrote the dictionary? We wonder if Harry knows who built the ark. Editor's note: We are sure he does.

Overheard at the office steps one noon when Ed. and Don were smoking their cigars. "Who's just been married?"

Theresa has entered the "Beauty Contest" in the Assembly Room. What are you using Theresa?

Eddie Desautelle, the ex-aviator, finding transportation too high from Pawtucket to North Attleboro four nights a week, has taken a room in Plainville.

Evelyn says that Charlie goes with with her sister, but if John could see those loving glances Charlie casts, I wonder if he would think so.

We wonder what Vera's attraction is in the back office.

Who will win the sweater race—spiral, bench or repair department?

There are times, Henry, when absent-mindedness is excusable.

If your hair starts to grow gray, see Rose about it. She will give you a fine receipt.

Fulton may be there with a bat, but when it comes to shooting ducks, but when it comes to shooting ducks—what a shot!

By the time this paper is printed we will know something about the world's champions. How would you like it, if you were a ball player, to wake up and find tucked under your bed \$10,000 to sell some game? Do you think Galleani would do it? Not on your life.

HEALTH HINTS IV

Irregular teeth or premature loss of teeth means that the masticating surface is greatly reduced. Irregularity permits food to lodge between the teeth until a cavity is formed.

Carries retain foods that have undergone fermentation. All the conditions needed for the development of bacteria are present—warmth, moisture and material on which to feed, so that the individual who is exposed to contagious diseases offers, through an uncared for mouth, everything needed.

The bony socket of the tooth is the seat of various disorders which, if neglected, may lead to serious results. The infection may be carried to any part of the body by the blood stream and cause disease. Therefore, take preventive measures to preserve your permanent teeth. This is an important health measure.

Signed

B. G. COTE, Nurse.